

Friends of the Library

JAY-ROLLINS LIBRARY
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ABILENE, TX 79697

On October 14th, we met for the inaugural Homecoming Friends of the Jay-Rollins Library Lecture Series. Joe W. Specht presented a program entitled, "I'm a Tool Pusher From Snyder": Slim Willet's Oil Patch Songs. At the conclusion of the program Dr. Paul Fabrizio and Steve Crisman announced the formation of a \$25,000 endowment for the Library named for Joe W. Specht. The funds had been collected by the Friends of the Library.

The Friends meet twice a year for programs.

Past programs have included:

- "I'm a Tool Pusher from Snyder": Slim Willet's Oil Patch Songs by Joe W. Specht
- The Women There Don't Treat You Mean: Abilene in Song with author Joe Specht and local musicians: Happy Fat, Slim Chance and the Survivors, Jamison Priest, Greg Young, and Terry Mashburn.
- Creativity and Madness with Knox-Bennett Poet Jeannie Eammons.
- Science Fiction author James Estes (pseudonym Hillyer Ives) reading and discussing Science Fiction.
- McMurry-related authors Glenn Dromgoole, Robert Pace, Lou Rodenberger, Gary Shanafelt, and Robert Sledge discussing their recent publications.
- A Revealing Look at Surrealism with Linda Murray, Gary Shanafelt, Joe Stamey, and Cicero Bruce.

New members are welcome!

Life \$1000.00
Benefactor 500.00
Patron 100.00
Family 25.00
Sustaining 15.00
Student (current) 5.00

For information on joining please contact [Terry Young](#) at 793-4692 or [Trudy Mosley](#) at 793-4685.